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of the "Charter Oak," and "The Life of Captain Nathan Hale, the Martyr Spy of the American Revolution, by J. W. Stuart," both of which are presented to the Society by Mr. Stuart. Whereupon *Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Stuart for his acceptable gifts.

The President also read a communication from Mr. Joseph Mills, of Needham, accompanying a specimen of British bread used by a portion of the American army during the Revolutionary war.

Voted to refer this subject to the Standing Committee.

OCTOBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Regents of the University of the State of New York; Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan; J. W. Stuart, Esq.; and from Messrs. Adams and Winthrop, of this Society.

The President announced a donation from the Boston Board of Trade of "a copy, in bronze, of a gold medal which was presented to Commodore M. C. Perry, in commemoration of his successful mission to Japan in the years 1853-4."

The President stands charged with the acknowledgment of this interesting gift.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from RICHARD HILDRETH, Esq., declining his election as a Resident Member, having decided to take up his residence in New York.

Dr. GEORGE DERBY, through the President, presented two letters: the first from John Walley Langdon, in behalf of Jonathan Thompson, to the Right Hon. Lord Mountjoy, at Dublin, dated "Boston or Charlestown, Nov. 18, 1792;" the second from Thompson to Lord Mountjoy, dated Wiscasset, Dec. 20, 1792.

Mr. ELLIS presented, from Professor Parsons, a copy of the maps and subscription-list, in quarto, which accompanied the first edition of Marshall's "Life of Washington;" also a letter from Theodore Parsons, — brother of the late Chief Justice, — Newburyport, Dec. 12, 1777, addressed to Captain James Gray in Colonel Scammell's regiment, in which he speaks very hopefully of the final success of the American cause; and a previous letter from Gray to Parsons, Albany, July 14, 1777, giving an account of some skirmishes on the advance of General Burgoyne.

Voted to refer these letters to the Publishing Committee.

The President exhibited a large eye-glass, formerly the property of Franklin, now belonging to Mr. G. C. Rippon, and read Mr. Rippon's interesting letter upon the subject. On the case are the following inscriptions: viz., on one side, "Dr. Franklin, of America, D.D., to James Rule, York;" and, on the other, "R. Ramsay, of Dumfries, 1811, to T. Bennett, York." Also "Poor Richard's Almanac" for 1734, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740,

the property of Mr. John F. Eliot, and formerly belonging to his kinsman, the late Rev. Andrew Eliot, D.D. Also prints of Generals Arnold and Putnam.

J. LOTHROP MOTLEY, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member, *vice* Samuel Eliot, removed from the State.

Professor SAMUEL ELIOT, of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, and late a Resident Member, was elected a Corresponding Member.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Smithsonian Institution; the Congress of the United States; the Department of State of the United States; the State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Yale College; Henry A. Whitney, Esq., of Boston; Hon. John R. Bartlett, of Providence, R.I.; John W. Barber, Esq., of New Haven; Mrs. Mary M. Dyer, of Enfield, N.H.; Mr. Isaac Hersey, of Abington; John Appleton, M.D.; J. Dean, Esq.; Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee; and J. H. Mitchell, Esq.; and from Messrs. Ames, Winthrop, and Worcester, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Messrs. Motley and Eliot; also a